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SUBJECT: CHILE: MILGP REQUEST FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR COMBINED
FORCE MARITIME COMPONENT COMMANDER FLAG COURSE

Sensitive but unclassified. Please handle accordingly.

¶1. (U) This is an action request. See paragraphs 2 and 3.

¶2. (SBU) Action request: Embassy requests the Department assist in conducting a Leahy Amendment Human Rights review, as well as a general name check, of the following Chilean Navy officer who has been nominated to participate in U.S. funded training, pursuant to the Leahy Act and Foreign Assistance Act. Please transmit the results of such, including information not strictly covered by the Leahy Amendment, to Embassy if possible by no later than February 12, 2009.

¶3. (SBU) The proposed training is the Combined Force Maritime Component Commander Flag Officer Course, to be held at Pearl Harbor Naval Station, in Hawaii, between February 18, 2009 and February 24, ¶2009. The name and identifying information of the proposed candidate appear in the following format: Name, rank, unit, date of birth, place of birth and national identification number.

Cristian DE LA MAZA Riquelme, Commodore, Chilean Navy Ship Repair and Modernization Programs, 09/04/1959, Talcahuano, 7.669.875-9

¶4. (U) Post greatly appreciates the Department's assistance with this request. Embassy's ongoing investigation has not found credible information that the candidate has been involved in gross human rights violations.